## Four Maths Questions at Different Levels - Question Set 10

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Work out the area of the 8 -sided shape.
Edexcel GCSE, Nov 2017, Paper 3

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Is the answer a multiple of 24 ?
Try again, and again, and again.
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## Four Maths Questions at Different Levels - Answers Set 10

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## Something interesting

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## Why is that?

$p^{2}-1=(p+1)(p-1) \Rightarrow p-1, p+1$ are three consecutive integers.
Since $p$ is a prime $>3$, then either $p-1$ or $p+1$ is a multiple of three.
Furthermore, both $\mathrm{p}-1$ and $\mathrm{p}+1$ are also multiples of two
and either $p-1$ or $p+1$ is a multiple of four.
$\therefore p^{2}-1$ is a multiple of $2 \times 3 \times 4=24$.
A nice proof of this is also possible in base 12 .
(@mathstechnology)

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\begin{gathered}
y=-\frac{1}{2} x+\frac{3}{2} \\
\text { or } \\
2 y=-x+3 \\
\text { or } \\
2 y+x-3=0
\end{gathered}
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0.0668 or 0.067

